

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes

April 23, 2008

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m. (EST) on April 23, 2008 in Conference Room A at the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Chairman Robert Carter.

Board members present were Chairman Robert Carter, Vice Chairman John Newman, Andrew Seagar, William Selm, Donald Cochran, Julie Donnell, Harry Murphy, James Glass and Kent Schuette.

Staff members present were John Carr, Shana Kelso, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Holly Tate and Paul Diebold.

Visitors present were: Karen Martin, Jason Larrison, David Vanderstel, Linda Weintraut, Mark Dollase, Laura Minzes, Link Ludington, John Mauser, Dan Miller, Mary Kennedy, Brock N. Ervin, Louis Stratigakos, Sheryl Vanderstel, William Wells, Kelly Jo Wells, Mary and Ralph Smith.

Chairman Robert Carter called for approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting. Julie Donnell requested that the minutes from October 24, 2007 read that it was "the consensus of the board" and not just "Julie Donnell" concerning the landscape preservation training. The minutes are amended to reflect this request and approved.

I. Division Director's Report

Director Glass reported on a temporary rule for Section 18 of Indiana Historic Preservation and Archaeology Act. The temporary rule will delegate some authority to the division directors. It is good for one year and then will become permanent. The legislature adopted House Bill 1129, an archaeology bill authored by Representative Matt Pierce. DHPA will be drafting a temporary rule to implement several provisions of that bill before it takes effect on July 1, 2008. A temporary rule will be drafted authorizing the division to issue permits for limited cemetery headstone restoration. This has become desirable, particularly in light of the change in the date that defines artifacts in the statute from 1816 to 1870. The Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission, created by State Bill 176, creates a twelve member commission to provide advice and technical assistance to county officials for the rehabilitation of historic county courthouses. This bill also calls for a report to the General Assembly on the value of historic courthouses and the need for rehabilitation restoration and maintenance. SHAARD (State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Data Base) has gone live. This will provide consultants doing environmental review projects and members of the public information electronically about surveyed historic properties and archaeological sites. A special thank to Karie Brudis and Russ Dotzauer for all of their hard work. Also, appreciation goes to Director Carter and Deputy Director Ron McAhron, INDOT, and FHWA for financial support.

Our celebration of national Preservation Month is being done in coordination with In-Shape fitness events. Special recognition goes to Amy Walker for her hard work on the program.

The O'Brien Main Street conference will be held in Bloomington, October 16-18. The conference will have 18 educational sessions, 4 workshops and 5 field sessions. Keynote speaker will be Dick Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

II. State Certificates of Approval

1. Application by Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval to alter the Old Rensselaer Sub-district Garage in Jasper County, Indiana, by excavation of contaminated soils and removal of the Pump (Oil) House.

Staff member John Carr gave the report. There were no additional comments by staff, and no questions on the proposal. Harry Murphy moved to approve; a certificate Kent Schuette seconded, and it carried.

2. Application by the Indiana DNR, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites Division for a certificate of approval request regarding the continuation of the restoration begun in 1993 to return the Lanier Mansion to its 1850 appearance, Madison, Indiana.
Staff member Paul Diebold reviewed the requests for changes and repairs needed per the application. Link Ludington presented a slide show of the existing structure in its current condition and the plans for the restoration. Bill Selm inquired about materials being used for the restoration. Ludington stated that as much of the original materials are being used as possible. John Newman moved to approve the certificate and Bill Selm seconded and it carried.
3. Application by Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval to alter Bridge #055-86-03502B carrying SR 55 over Big Pine Creek in Liberty and Warren townships, Warren County, Indiana.
Staff member Shana Kelso gave the report. The bridge is one of three of the type left in the state. INDOT plans to narrow the deck of the bridge to lessen the weight bearing on the trusses. The railing will be replaced, but will stay in line with the original design. The staff had concerns about the scope of work, but after working with DNR Engineering and working with INDOT, it was determined this is the most practical solution. Staff does propose that if the certificate is approved, the bridge be annually inspected for deterioration and it be repaired as needed. Bill Selm inquired about the surface material which will still be concrete. Julie Donnell questioned the length of time these repairs will last. John Mauser, consulting engineer for INDOT, stated that INDOT plans to replace the bridge within the next 5-10 years. Harry Murphy moved to approve the certificate and Kent Schutte seconded the motion and it carried.
4. Application by the Indiana War Memorials Commission for a certificate of approval to replace exterior floodlights at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
Staff member Frank Hurdis reviewed the application. Jason Larison, IDOA, presented their revised proposal. Kent Schuette expressed his concerns about over-lighting the monument and the timing of the project. Due to questions about the design, project timing, and issues of technology, it was suggested and agreed upon to table the application until more research could be done. It will be discussed at the next meeting. Andrew Seagar moved to table the discussion to the July meeting, Julie Donnell seconded the motion, and it carried.
5. Application by the Indiana DNR, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites Division for a certificate of approval for painting of exterior masonry of the Second State Bank of Indiana, Vincennes Branch Building, Vincennes, Indiana.
Staff member Frank Hurdis introduced the application. John Newman asked if the moisture build up was going to be an issue. Link Ludington provided information. John Newman moved to approve, Don Cochran seconded, and it carried.

III. National Register Applications

1. North Irvington Gardens Historic District, roughly bounded by portions of 11th and 10th Street on the north; Pleasant Run Golf Course and Arlington Avenue on the east; Pleasant Run Parkway N. Drive, Ritter Avenue and St. Clair Street on the south; and Emerson Avenue on the west, Indianapolis, Marion Co. (1865)
Staff member Frank Hurdis provided information on the application. Julie Donnell moved to approve, John Newman seconded, and it carried.
2. Pryor Brock Farm, 8602 Whitestown Road, Zionsville vicinity, Boone Co. (1914)
Staff member Holly Tate introduced the application. Julie Donnell moved to approve, John Newman seconded and it carried.

3. Benton County Courthouse, 706 E. 5th Street, Fowler, Benton Co. (1932)
Staff member Frank Hurdis introduced the application. John Newman objected to reliance on secondary sources. He felt the application could be strengthened by using primary sources and offered to meet with the staff to recommend those sources. John Newman moved to approve, Harry Murphy seconded, and it carried.
4. DeForest Skinner House, 127-642-32069, 208 N. Washington Street, Valparaiso, Porter Co. (1935)
Staff member Paul Diebold introduced the application. Harry Murphy moved to approve, Julie Donnell seconded, and it carried.
5. Dr. Nelson Wilson House, 027-663-34096, 103 E. National Highway, Washington, Daviess Co. (1936)
Staff member Paul Diebold introduced the application. Harry Murphy moved to approve, Bill Selm seconded and it carried.
6. Newton County Courthouse, One Courthouse Square, Kentland, Newton Co. (1937)
Staff member Frank Hurdis introduced the application. John Newman moved to approve, Harry Murphy seconded, and it carried.
7. Rochester Downtown Historic District, 049-544-21000, roughly including the west side of Main from 426 Main to 9th Street; the east side of Main from 429 Main to 527 Main; the east side of Main from 7th to 9th Streets; buildings at 122, 117 and 121 E. 7th Street; 110-112 E. 8th to 200 East 8th, and the courthouse square, Rochester, Fulton Co. (1941)
Staff member Paul Diebold introduced the application. Don Cochran moved to approve, Julie Donnell seconded and it carried.
8. Crawford-Gilpin House, 109-386-64173, 339 S. Ohio St., Martinsville, Morgan Co. (1942)
Staff member Paul Diebold introduced the application. Harry Murphy moved to approve the application, Bill Selm seconded and it carried.
9. Tippecanoe Township District #3 Schoolhouse and Cemetery, corner of S.R. 10 and Birch Road, Marshall Co. (1948)
Staff member Paul Diebold introduced the application. John Newman moved to approve, Harry Cochran seconded and it carried.
10. Washington Park Historic District, 097-296-28000, roughly bounded by Central Ave., 40th St., Pennsylvania St. and 43rd St., Indianapolis, Marion Co. (1951)
Staff member Frank Hurdis introduced the application. Bill Selm recused himself as his residence is in this area. Julie Donnell moved to approve, Don Cochran seconded and it carried.

IV. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Listed

Cedar Bough Place Historic District, 043-446-16000, 800 block of Cedar Bough Place, New Albany, Floyd County (1907)

DePauw Avenue Historic District, 043-446-20000, roughly, DePauw Avenue from Vincennes St. to Abersold Dr., 1200 block of Beechwood Ave., and 1211 and 1214 Vance St. (1908)

Shelby Place Historic District, 043-446-18000, 1500 and 1600 blocks of Shelby Place, New Albany, Floyd County (1909)

West Washington Street Bridge, West Washington Street over west fork of White River, Muncie, Delaware County (1927)

Miami County Courthouse, 103-507-31109, Public Square, Peru, Miami County (1930)

Strawtown Enclosure, Noblesville vicinity, Hamilton County (1931)

Indianapolis Masonic Temple, 098-296-15019, 525 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Marion County (1943)

Fountain County Courthouse, 045-137-31030, 301 4th Street, Covington, Fountain County (1944)

Warren County Courthouse, 171-681-38002, 125 N. Monroe, Williamsport, Warren County (1945)

Rejected

none

Removed

Yenowine-Nichols-Collins House, 5118 S.R. 64, New Albany vicinity, Floyd County (arson/demolition)

V. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date:

July 23, 2008, in New Harmony, Indiana, 1:30 p.m. CDT

A motion was made by John Newman and seconded by Don Cochran to adjourn the meeting.

Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications: June 13, 2008, 4:45 p.m. (EDT)